

A TRIBUTE IN REMEMBRANCE OF  
THEORA KING

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Theora King, a community leader and educator who has contributed enormously to the lives of many children in need.

Theora King has worked in the field of education for over forty years. She has a bachelor of science degree in education from Mercy College where she graduated magna cum laude. In 1990, Ms. King received the Educator of the Year Award from a parent organization in District 17. Ms. King has worked in several programs including Big Apple, Head Start, Learning Through Science, Title I, Latch Key, Summer Early Childhood Program, and Platform For Learning and Special Education.

Theora King often goes above and beyond what is required of her in order to keep children who are in need from being deprived of opportunities that are afforded to other children who have supportive families. Her love for children is demonstrated by using personal monies to pay for trips, breakfast, lunch, clothing and other essentials needed when a child's parents are unable to provide for them. Ms. King has volunteered her personal time to tutor children in reading to help them gain self-confidence, a love for reading, and reading proficiency to pass State Reading Examinations.

During her career, children have demonstrated love and respect toward Ms. King and children often come to her for advice and assistance to handle difficulties they encounter at home and in school. Ms. King is never too busy to take time from her personal life to help a child and his or her family who may be in need of assistance. Ms. King is also a member of the Open Door Church of God and Christ and she has served on the Usher Board. In the past, Ms. King served as Acting Parent Teacher's Association president and secretary when her children were students at P.S. 316. Ms. King has also chaired the Social Committee at P.S. 316 from 1968 to 2005.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Theora King.

IN HONOR OF THE NAVAL  
POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. FARR. Madam President, today the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California will celebrate its 100th anniversary.

Founded a century ago as the School of Marine Engineering at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, the Naval Postgraduate School has grown in response to a changing world. The school moved to Monterey, California in 1951, taking over the landmark Hotel Del Monte resort. Today, NPS is a global leader in national security and defense-related education and research.

The Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) is a unique graduate school—an institution dedi-

cated to providing education and research with a focus on relevance to the defense and security arenas and on recognizing and innovatively solving problems in support of our military forces, our country's global partners and our national security.

NPS provides high-quality, relevant and unique advanced education and research programs that increase the combat effectiveness of the Naval Services, other Armed Forces of the U.S. and our partners, to enhance our national security.

NPS is one of the oldest and most prestigious institutions belonging to the United States Department of Defense. Since its inception almost a century ago, NPS has been found to be worthy of the investment that both the Navy and the nation has made in it. The school has educated some of the most brilliant and effective leaders of our nation and of the world. Countless numbers of NPS graduates have made significant contributions to global stability and national security, and some remarkable breakthroughs in research at NPS have saved the lives of the men and women who so bravely defend their nations daily.

Madam President, I want to wish a happy 100th birthday to the Naval Postgraduate School.

NATHANIEL MARTINEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nathaniel Martinez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Nathaniel Martinez is a senior at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nathaniel Martinez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Nathaniel Martinez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his academic career to his future accomplishments.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO COMPANY  
B, 202D ENGINEER COMBAT  
BATTALLION

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to a brave group of men in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Company B of the 202d Engineer Combat Battalion is celebrating their sixty-sixth anniversary.

Madam Speaker, there is no question the military is one of the key building blocks of our

country. From the earliest days of our Nation's history, courageous men and women have fought for the freedom and safety of the American people. Our soldiers have opened doors for America's citizens and allowed our children to live in a nation that is peaceful and free.

During World War II, Company B served in campaigns in Normandy, Central Europe, Northern France, Ardennes and the Rhineland. They were the only group to serve in all five campaigns and receive five battle stars in World War II.

The servicemen of Company B also fought alongside the 1st, 2d, 3d, 9th, and the 15th U.S. Army, the British 2d Army and the U.S. Navy throughout the war in 10 countries. One of their most significant contributions to the War effort was the construction of the longest Treadway Pontoon Bridge in the world at 1152 feet, which was built in less than six hours while facing enemy fire.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Company B of the 202d Engineer Combat Battalion. Our communities are well served by having dedicated servicemen who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to protect our beloved Nation. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great group of men on their sixty-sixth anniversary.

INTRODUCTION OF MOLALLA WILD  
AND SCENIC RIVER BILL

**HON. KURT SCHRADER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. SCHRADER. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce The Molalla Wild and Scenic River Bill. This legislation would designate 21.3 miles of the Molalla River as "wild and scenic" and would provide federal designation in preserving the character of this section of the Molalla River.

This legislation is supported by numerous elected officials, civic leaders, and recreational and environmental groups in Clackamas and Marion counties including American Rivers, the City of Molalla, the Oregon State Police, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Wild Salmon Center, and the Willamette Riverkeepers. All of these groups recognize the social, cultural and economic benefits of this bill.

In Oregon, the Molalla River is known for its many recreational purposes which include hiking, diving, fishing, kayaking, whitewater rafting, picnicking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. It still serves as a water source for many citizens in Canby and Molalla, Oregon, and is nationally recognized for its beautiful and scenic wildlife. It provides spawning beds for threatened Steelhead Trout and Chinook salmon and is also an essential wildlife area for the pileated woodpecker, red tree vole, red-legged frog, northern spotted owl, Pacific giant salamander, and both golden and bald eagles.

Designating this section of the Molalla River as "wild and scenic" would permanently ensure its protection and preservation as one of Oregon's many natural state treasures. It would guarantee that future generations can experience the river's rich historical, cultural,